

L. J. R. falling into hostile hands. This would necessitate the construction of a link from Belmont to the C. S. R. Ald. Hyman said the C. S. R. Co. were satisfied with the agreement, and in that he saw a great safeguard to London.

The following petitions against the passage of the by-law granting the L. J. R. Company running powers on York street were read: From John A. Cousins and 136 others; from E. Leonard & Sons and 57 others; from John Williams and 51 other; from S. Wilkins and 7 others, and from John Tanton and 6 others.

On motion of Ald. Hyman, the clause in reference to the fence was struck out of the by-law.

Ald. Stringer moved, and Ald. Browne seconded, that the above petition be presented.

Ald. Moore, moved that the railway question be deferred till Thursday evening, and in the meantime the matter be referred to a joint meeting of No. 1 Committee, a committee from the Board of Education, and the railway people.

Ald. Skinner seconded, and the motion was carried.

THE BOROUGH BY-LAW.

Ald. Hyman read a by-law providing for the issue of debentures to raise the amount of \$51,000 bonds to the L. J. R. Company.

First reading passed and second moved.

Ald. Skinner moved in amendment, seconded by Ald. Stringer, that the second reading stand over till next Council meeting. Lost, and second read and carried on the following division: Yeas—Ald. Birrell, Labatt, Hunt, Hyman, O'Meara, Cowan, Moore, Boyd and Reher. Nays—Ald. Skinner, Browne and Stringer.

Mr. Whyte, in reply to Ald. Hyman, said in view of the action of the Council to-night they would require longer time to complete the road.

On motion, the time was extended from August 1, 1884, to October 1, and the by-law was read the third time and finally passed.

FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY.

Ald. Hyman read a by-law providing that a vote of the people be taken as to the establishment of a free public library at the same time as the municipal

election (Monday, January 7, 1884). The polling sub-divisions and deputy returning-officers are as follows:

First Ward—First sub-division, City Hall, Ed. Glackmeyer, deputy returning-officer. Second sub-division, Skuse & Raymond's office, York street; Robert Scott. Third sub-division, Morton street schoolhouse; John Bomor. Fourth sub-division, Geo. Quince's house, Grey street; John Thorpe.

Second Ward—First sub-division, James Percival's house, Queen's avenue; James Percival. Second sub-division, John Turner's shop, Richmond street; John Plummer. Third sub-division, A. Padfield's store; Oaw Id Baynes.

Third Ward—First sub-division, Colborne street school; Arthur Willard. Second sub-division, Waterloo street south school; John Flemming. Third sub-division, St. Mary's school; James Fieldis.

Fourth Ward—First sub-division, Chris. Teal's house, Queen's avenue; Alex. Gunn. Second sub-division, Prince's avenue school; E. Scarrow. Third sub-division, St. George's school; James Torsion.

The by-law also provided that on January 4 the Mayor shall appoint two persons to attend to the final summing-up of the vote by the clerk and one person to attend at each polling place on behalf of the persons interested in and desirous of promoting the by-law, and a like number on behalf of the persons in interest in opposing the by-law. The City Clerk shall sum up the votes at 11 a.m. on 11th of January.

The by-law was read three times and passed.

MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS.

The by-law providing for holding the municipal elections was also submitted by Ald. Hyman—polling places and deputy returning-officers as above. The nomination for the First Ward will be held in the City Hall, but for the other wards in the schoolhouses, or in case there are two, then it shall be in the schoolhouse located in the first sub-division.

By-law read three times and passed.

Council adjourned till Thursday night.

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS.

COUNCIL CHAMBER, November 29th, 1883

Joint Committee in Session.

The Council having adjourned, the Joint Committee resumed their session, Mr. Bayly in the chair.

Mr. M. D. Fraser read the following proposition:

Proposal of the London Junction Railway Company:

1. The company are prepared to purchase the whole school block at the sum of \$15 per foot on King street, and the same price on York street, and allow the School Board two years to remove the buildings from the property, the company in the meantime agreeing to use the south 100 feet of the block only.

Or the company will purchase the south half of the block at a valuation to be settled by arbitration, one arbitrator to be appointed by the School Board, one by the company and the third as provided by the Railway Act, the basis of the valuation of the property to be actual cash value of the land, irrespective of the value of the buildings or the damage (if any) to the remaining portion of the block for school or other purposes.

Or the company will purchase this south 100 feet and settle or adjust the price on the same basis and in the same manner as above provided for the south half.

In case of the purchase of the south half, the School Board to have two years to remove the buildings, the company in the meantime only using the south 100 feet as before mentioned, the arbitration to be made and concluded, and possession given by the 20th of December.

Or the company will agree to purchase the whole block at a valuation to be settled by arbitration, to be the actual value of the land irrespective of the value of any buildings on the property.

Mr. Cousins said his valuation was double, or \$30 per foot.

Mr. Bayly—The offer in the first clause of the offer now made cannot be considered. We could not justify ourselves before the ratepayers.

Mr. M. D. Fraser—We will arbitrate for the value of the whole block of land, but the building is utterly worthless to us. We would consent to leave the buildings for school purposes for two years.

Mr. Cousins and Ald. Moore thought they made too liberal offers to the railway people.

Mr. Whyte—Another suggestion has just been made to me. It is that we might ob-

The Board of Aldermen met at 7:30 p.m., the Mayor in the chair; also present, Ald. Birrell, Hyman, O'Meara, Cowan, Labatt, Moore, Stringer, Browne, Skinner, Hunt, Boyd and A. S. Abbott, city clerk. Members of the Board of Education and others interested in the London Junction route were present.

COMMUNICATIONS.

Mrs. Boomer, president of the Protestant Orphans' Home—Asking free use of the City Hall on the night of Thursday, 20th, to hold an entertainment. Granted.

J. H. Belton—Asking permission to erect a frame office to be bricked outside. No. 3

Petitions against the passing of the by-law to run the L. J. R. track on York street were presented from the following: E. J. Edwards and 17 others; John Riddle and 17 others; C. B. Rudd and 25 others; John Rayner and 24 others; and S. Baskerville and 23 others. No. 1 Committee:

Mr. Bayly, chairman of the Joint Committee, reported the offer made the railway people, and stated that they had declined it.

It being noticed that the representatives of the railway company were not present, Ald. Birrell stated that they were waiting for telegraphic communication from Toronto, and on their behalf he asked time. Fifteen minutes were allowed.

Ald. Hyman, on behalf of Number One Committee, reported recommending that the lease of the store held by Robert Clarke, in the City Hall, be assigned to Mrs. M. E. Babcock. Adopted.

At this juncture Messrs. Whyte, Brown, J. H. Fraser, and M. D. Fraser, of the L. J. R., arrived, and addressed the Council.

Ald. Boyd moved, seconded by Ald. Hyman, that the Council adjourn for one week. Carried.

Council adjourned accordingly.